WHAT'S THIS ABOUT!? HE LOOKS SOMEWHAT STRANGE, TOO...
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE SAMPLING GUN...!?
HAS SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED...!?
EH...
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE MY SAMPLING GUN NOW...
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE PLANNING TO DO?

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YOUR DIVINE PROTECTION...!!
LORD!
UPON THE FRAIL ME,

CHAPTER 69: SICKS, THAT IDEA

Lee's Romance Type No. 6

Love for Profit (Pragma-Love)

Love for profit is utilitarian love
A love that assumes the most important thing is an advantage for one's own future prospects derived from the company of the other party
Romance is seen as a means for acquisition of social status or securing a wealthy livelihood

THE YOUNG MAN WHO CAME IN FIRST,
PERHAPS THAT'S KAKARITO.
THERE'S ONE THING I WANNA ASK, BUT...
BEFORE WE FIGHT,
AN ALLY OF YOURS?
WAS THE ONE WHO ATTACKED NIBURU
SFX: swoop!
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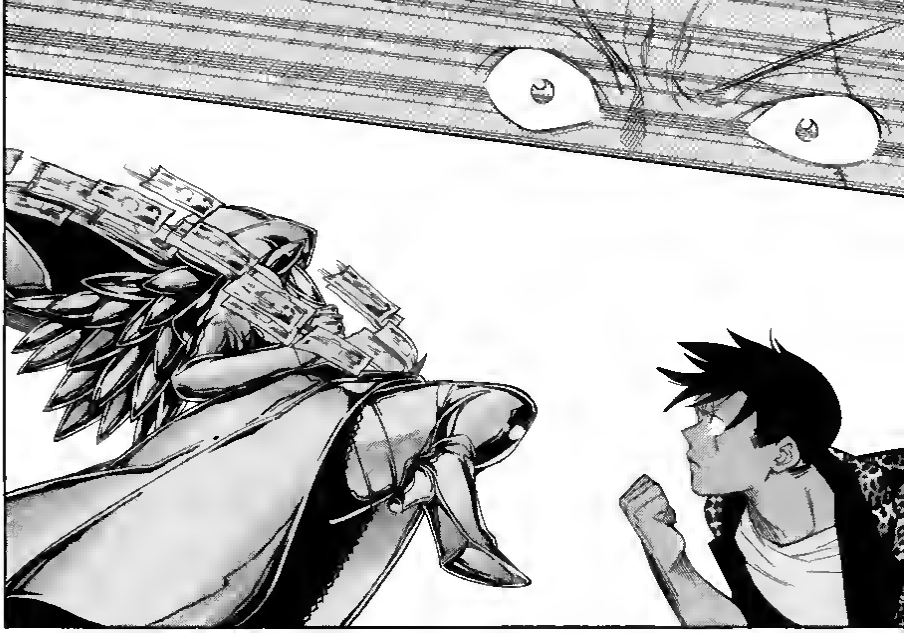
I'LL TELL YOU!
IF YOU BEAT ME,
WHO KNOWS? I WONDER ABOUT THAT!



WHAT THE...!? SHE METAMORPHOSED, AND I WAS THINKING WHAT KIND OF AWFUL ATTACK THE SHE WAS GOING TO USE,
THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A CURSE. ISN'T IT JUST AN ORDINARY WOMAN'S KICK?
IT SEEMS LIKE I CAN CATCH THAT WITH MY BARE HANDS, BUT...
WELL, I'LL WAIT AND SEE. FOR NOW,

LET'S EVADE IT!
!
DODGE!
HNGH...

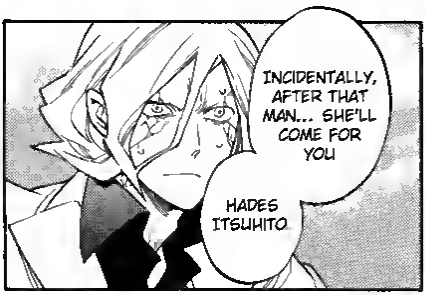
!!!!
SFX: wham!
OUT OF LUCK, ARE WE...
YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MY KICK. WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE?
TUT-TUT...
OWOW- OUCH...!!
AAAARR- RGHHH...
SFX: whoosh!
KH...!! TH-THIS...
HEHEHE, I'M FEELING GOOD!!!
NOW, LET'S GET SERIOUS!!

!!?
THESE ARE HARMLESS...
HOWEVER... DO ME A FAVOR AND BEHAVE LIKE ADULTS FOR A MOMENT OR TWO.
!?
ASHI-TABA-KUN.
GET AWAY FROM HERE THIS INSTANT.
KEI'ICHI HAS COME, TOO... SO I'M GOING TO BE OKAY..
N-
NO,
ASHIBATA-KUN.
NO WAY! I'M NOT GOING TO BE THE ONLY ONE TO RUN AWAY... THAT'S JUST...!
I-IF EVEN YOU... END UP GETTING HURT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS...
I WILL...!
I CAN FEEL SOMETHING ABNORMAL HAPPENING TO MY BODY...
SOME THREAT IS HOVERING AROUND THIS TOWN...
RIGHT NOW,
SFX: whoosh!

YOU CAN LOWER YOUR GUARD A LITTLE, TOO.
THIS IS MY PERSONAL SPACE, "CRADLE"
A SPACE CUT OFF FROM THE WORLDLY BONDS... THE PUBLIC EYE... AND ALL THAT CAUSES PEOPLE STRESS.
A PLACE FAR AWAY FROM DANGER..
THE ONE WHO JOINED THE FRAY IS THAT COMRADE OF YOURS, BUT...
THAT MAN... HE IS GOING TO LOSE TO PRAGMA, NO DOUBT.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, PRAGMA IS A QUICK-TEMPERED WOMAN WHO HATES WORK...
A HUMAN LIKE YOU, KAKARITO, LACKING IN INDIVIDUALITY AND UNAWARE OF THE POWER OF FEELINGS IS NO MATCH FOR PRAGMA, EITHER.

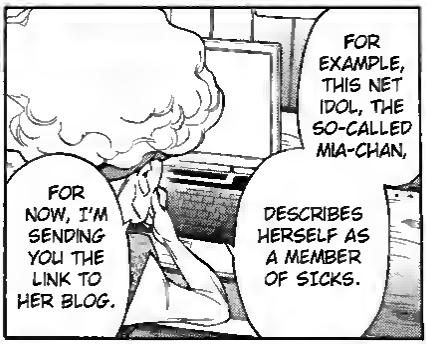
AND THEN, BOY...
SHE WILL TARGET YOU, TOO.

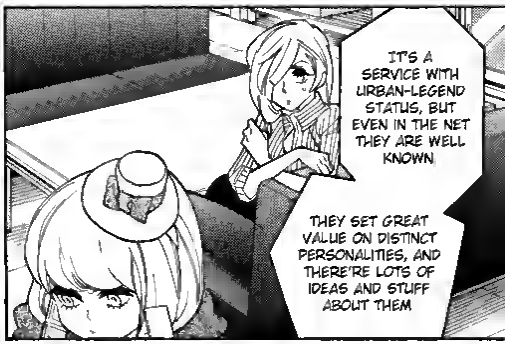

INCIDENTALLY, AFTER THAT MAN... SHE'LL COME FOR YOU
HADES ITSUHITO

"AID"?!
WHAT'S THAT AID YOU TALK OF... Y-YOU PEOPLE... WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE... WHAT... ARE...

I WISH YOU TO STAY IN THIS PLACE UNTIL THE FIGHT IS OVER AND PRAGMA COOLS HER HEAD.
I DON'T WANT TO ENGAGE IN A POINTLESS FIGHT,
AT A MINIMUM, I WANT TO RESPECT THE WILL OF A COMRADE.
OUR AID IS SUBORDINATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S VOLITION, TOO...

INFIRMARY
WE ARE THE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, SICKS.


FOR EXAMPLE, THIS NET IDOL, THE SO-CALLED MIA-CHAN,
DESCRIBES HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF SICKS.
FOR NOW, I'M SENDING YOU THE LINK TO HER BLOG.


IT'S A SERVICE WITH URBAN-LEGEND STATUS, BUT EVEN IN THE NET THEY ARE WELL KNOWN.
THEY SET GREAT VALUE ON DISTINCT PERSONALITIES, AND THERE'RE LOTS OF IDEAS AND STUFF ABOUT THEM.

THERE'S NO MISTAKE... THAT'S ONE OF THAT MAN'S ASSOCIATES.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S TRYING TO HIDE IT.

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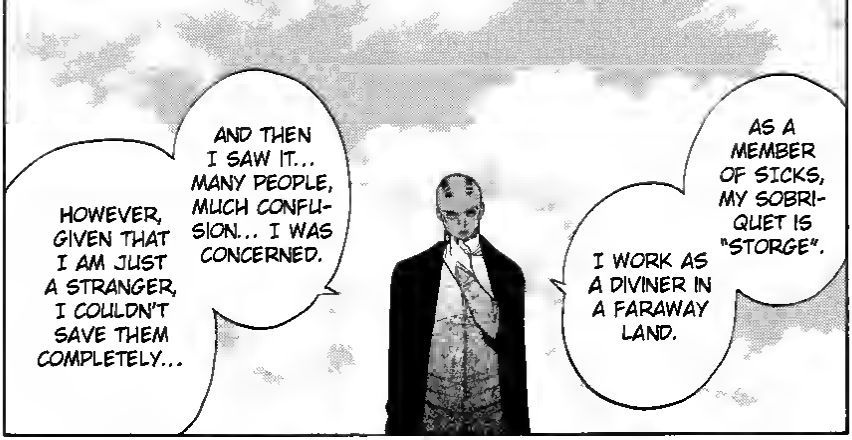
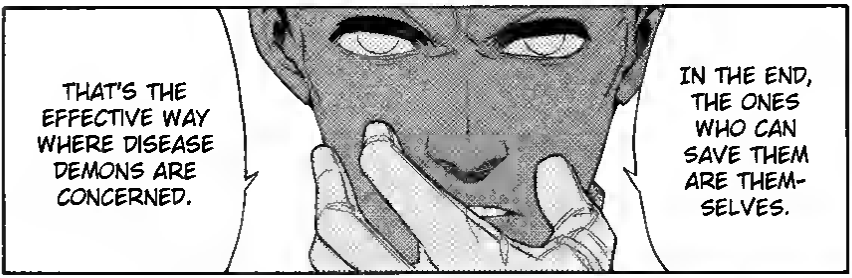
THIS KID...!!


AS A MEMBER OF SICKS, MY SOBRIQUET IS "STORGE".
I WORK AS A DIVINER IN A FARAWAY LAND.
AND THEN I SAW IT... MANY PEOPLE, MUCH CONFUSION... I WAS CONCERNED.
HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT I AM JUST A STRANGER, I COULDN'T SAVE THEM COMPLETELY...


IN THE END, THE ONES WHO CAN SAVE THEM ARE THEMSELVES.
THAT'S THE EFFECTIVE WAY WHERE DISEASE DEMONS ARE CONCERNED.

KAKARITO, HADES ITSUKITO!
TO WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU KEEP DISEASE DEMONS IN THAT BODY OF YOURS?
IS IT PERHAPS BECAUSE THERE'S SALVATION THERE...
AM I WRONG?
THAT'S...
SFX. tumble...
GUH...! UGH...
T-TEACHER, DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF, PLEASE
...I SEE. YOU CAN'T REMEMBER.
NOW, YOU ARE RESISTING IT... SOON, IT WON'T MATTER.

IT'S JUST... THAT IT'S AN IMPEDIMENT TO OUR HELP.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING DISEASE DEMONS, TOGETHER WITH THE PERSONALITY, FREE,
THIS AGE IS FAR TOO ATTACHED TO NORMALCY.
AAAAH...
SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY...
UWAAAH... I DON'T WANNA GO...
BUT EVERYONE IS GOING.
EVEN I FIND IT UNPLEASANT.
"THIS IS NORMALCY." "ONE DOESN'T QUESTION NORMALCY."
BE IT "NORMALCY", OR "ROUTINE", OR "OBJECTIVITY",
ALTHOUGH THIS IS MERELY A SUBJECTIVE OPINION SUPPORTED BY A PLURALITY,
THAT'S RIGHT. EVERYONE'S GOING AND IF WE DO
WE'LL BE LEFT OUT, SO NOT A CHANCE.
OHHH... IT'S RED.
IT'S FINE, LET'S CROSS IT ANYWAY.
JUST LOOK AROUND!
YOU'RE RIGHT, EVERYONE'S CROSSING.
ALL PEOPLE ARE SLAVES OF NORMALCY.

HEY, YOU, LISTEN TO ME FOR A SEC.
THEREFORE,
I SHALL EXTRACT FROM YOU THE CONCEPT DUBBED NORMALCY...
YOU MISERABLE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN POISONED BY SOCIETY
WHAT'S IT? WE'RE KINDA IN A HURRY.
HUH...?
SFX: whoosh!
HAH...

WE SHALL MAKE AN ORDER OF CHAOS AND RESCUE HUMANS.
THAT IS THE LOFTY IDEAL OUR LIBERATION ORGANISATION, SICKS, HAS MADE INTO A GOAL.
I GOT IT...
DON'T MISS, I DON'T WANNA BE SHOT!

EEK!!
SFX: boom!
SFX: whoosh!
AMAZING! LOOK RUDAS! IT ENTERED!!
OH-OH-OH-OH,
OH-
OH?
WHEW
THIS IS QUITE TIRE-SOME...
UUH...
No waaay, I won't!!
YOU DO IT, BITCH!
WHO DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO GO BANG-BANG AND SHOOT-SHOOT!?
IT'S OKAY IF MANIA DOESN'T SEE, RIGHT?
LOOKING INTO BOTTLES IS BORING, LET'S GO BANG-BANG AND SHOOT-SHOOT MORE WITH THIS THING!
THIS IS FUUUN!
IT'S FINE! MANIA WON'T SEE!
WHAT ABOUT HOLDING DOWN THE FORT?
THE WAY YOU SAY IT MAKES IT LOOK DIRTY, THOUGH.
AFTER WE GO DISCARD THAT WOMAN, LET'S GO OUT A LITTLE, AND HAVE SOME INDISCRIMINATE MATING!
STILL, WELL, IT IS CERTAINLY INTERESTING

WHAT'S WITH
THIS WOMAN?!
WHY?!
WHILE I TOOK DAMAGE ALL OVER! AND ALL BECAUSE I WAS CLUMSY!
AND YET SHE DOESN'T HAVE A SCRATCH ON HER!
AND IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF SHE CAN SEE THROUGH MY MOVE-MENTS...
IT'S NOT AS IF SHE'S PARTICULARLY SKILLED.
HER ATTACKS AREN'T SHARP OR ANYTHING.
NOW THAT'S A FINE STATE YOU'RE IN.
TO WRETCHED-NESS!!!
I AM USED
TOO BAD...
HIHIH! YOU MESSED EV-ERYTHING UP FROM THE BEGINNING...
DO YOU AL-READY FEEL LIKE GOING BACK TO YOUR MAMA'S HOMETOWN WITH A CRUSHED HEART?

WHA-
THE-
SFX: swish!
SFX: knock!
RIGHT
ABOUT IT...
YOU'RE
...
SFX: pant! Haa...
A...
A PERFECT HIT!!?
GYAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!
UNEXPECTED-LY... IN MY ABSENCE... THINGS GOT THIS MESSED UP...
I WENT TO GRAMPS' PLACE FOR JUST A WEEK, AND YET...
TO... TODAY, I AM... BOTCHING IT ALL...

A DISEASE DEMON!?
NO... IT ISN'T... THAT'S...
THE TRIAL FOR THE "PROTOTYPE" IS A WOMAN OPPONENT... WHAT A LET-DOWN...
IT CAN'T GET MORE DEPRESSING THAN THIS!
SFX: whoosh...
BECAUSE IF YOU BASTARDS HAD BEEN HERE OR NOT, THINGS WOULD HAVE ENDED UP THE SAME, RIGHT...?
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT, WELL, DON'T FRET ABOUT IT.
CLICK
REALLY...
BOTCHED IT.

〈東京都　水炊きさん〉

「うちのメインディッシュは
ハンバーグと唐揚げとエビフライを
ローテーションしてて、
あとのおかずは割と毎日一緒かなあ。」

「オレは毎日3食、肉食わねーと
なんか調子出ねーからな、
弁当も肉たっぷり弁当だぜ!!」

「私は日によって女子同士で食べたり、
保健室で食べたりするけど、そういえば
藤くんのお弁当って毎回豪勢だよねー。
旬の食材がふんだんに使われてるし、
味付けは繊細だし…。」

〈香川県　織田美希子さん〉

「あれな、俺の舌を鍛えたいらしくて、
山蔵が毎日監修して作らせてるんだと。無駄な労力だよな。
俺、この世で一番うまいと思う食べ物はポテトチップスだし。」

「そろそろぶっ飛ばすぞテメー!!!」

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